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Editorial Notes.

**Kansas State
Peace Society.**

The growing interest in the State of Kansas in the cause of peace has led recently to the organization of a Kansas State Peace Society. Some months ago a call was sent out for a meeting to consider the advisability of organizing a society. On the 23d of December a number of persons interested met in the office of the President of Lewis Academy, Wichita, and proceeded to effect an organization. George W. Hoss, LL.D., an experienced educator of Kansas, and for many years an active worker in the cause of peace, was chosen president. The vice-presidents elected were: Charles C. Woods, Hutchinson; President Edmund Stanley of the Friends University, Wichita; C. M. Enns, Inman; Prof. William B. Morgan, Lowell; President Frantz, McPherson; and C. B. Hoffman, Enterprise. Mr. J. M. Naylor was chosen secretary and H. W. Lewis treasurer, both of Wichita. The society is auxiliary to the American Peace Society. It proposes to carry on a vigorous propaganda in the State of Kansas, and if hard work will bring success it is sure to succeed. The annual meeting of the society will be held regularly on the 22d of February.

**W. C. T. U. Peace
Department.**

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine, superintendent of the peace and arbitration department of the National W. C. T. U., has just issued the sixteenth annual report of the work of her department. The purpose of the department is "to promulgate and cultivate peace principles, especially in children, which will separate bravery, honor and glory from the destruction of human life, and will encourage a reverence for human life and a love for one's kind." Mrs. Bailey reports that good success has attended the efforts put forth on all the lines and methods of the department's work, the distribution of literature, the holding of meetings, organization of Juvenile Peace Bands, etc. Twenty-seven States and the District of Columbia are organized for the work, and some counties and districts in other States. The States of Illinois and Nebraska have been added the past year to those organized for work. The report contains an account made by the State Superintendent of the work done in each of the States where organized work is carried on. Mrs. Bailey expresses the wish, in which a great multitude of American women and men will concur, that "our nation were, in this twentieth century of the Christian era, sufficiently civilized and Christianized to refer all its difficulties with foreign nations to the international court of arbitration at The Hague for settlement." She deplores the fact that the nation is spending more annually for army and navy equipment and extension than for the entire public school system of the

whole country. Mrs. Bailey's department has been the means of considerably extending the circulation of the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE* the past year, and it is proposed to do still more in this direction the coming year.

Brevities.

... At the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association at Albany, on the 19th of January, the Hon. John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, who was the guest of the evening, delivered an able address on "What the United States has done for International Arbitration."

... Ratifications of the American-Chinese commercial treaty were exchanged at the State Department, Washington, on the 13th of January. The treaty provides for the opening of the ports of Moukden and Antung, in Manchuria, to the commerce of the world.

... A dispatch from Rome January 10 said: "King Victor Emmanuel has signed decrees giving Foreign Minister Tittoni full powers in connection with the arbitration treaty between Italy and Great Britain, which will be signed in Rome when the British Ambassador has been similarly empowered."

... The commercial committee of the House of Commons cabled to the newly formed American Congressional arbitration group at Washington on the 16th of January the heartiest congratulations on its formation, and promised gladly to coöperate with it.

... The Norwegian Peace Society observed again this year, the 10th of December, the anniversary of the birth of Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel annual peace prize. The chief address of the day was one on disarmament, by Dr. Alfred Eriksen, one of the leaders of the labor party.

Preparations for the Thirteenth International Peace Congress.

A meeting of the representatives of the Peace Societies and of others interested was held at the New Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., on the 13th of January, to inaugurate the arrangements for holding the Thirteenth International Peace Congress.

Edwin D. Mead of Boston, Chairman of the Committee of the American Peace Society, which had arranged for the meeting, called it to order and nominated Hon. George F. Seward of New York as Chairman. The nomination was unanimously approved. Miss Arabella Carter of Philadelphia was chosen Secretary.

Benjamin F. Trueblood explained the purpose of the meeting. He said that the Peace Congress held at Rouen in September last had unanimously accepted the invitation to hold the next Congress in this country. The invitation had been extended not only in the name of the Peace Societies, but also in the name of a large number of eminent men and women who had allowed the use of their names. It was expected that large delegations would come from Europe, as much interest in the Congress had been manifested among the European workers. The Congress would cost a large sum of money. It had been thought that at least ten thousand